present to review the question of lifting the ban.

प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों का कार्यकरण

2778. डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन:
श्री वीरेन जे० शाह:

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में ग्रामीण स्वास्थ्य योजना के अंतर्गत लगभग 20,000 प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र स्थापना की गई है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि हाल ही में किए गए अध्ययन से यह पता चला है कि इन केन्द्रों में कई खामियां हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और किस-किस प्रकार की क्या-क्या खामियां हैं तथा पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन केन्द्रों के संचालन पर वर्ष-वार कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इन खामियों को दूर करने के लिए कोई कार्यवाही की है; और यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द): (क) जी० हां, देश में 21012 प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र खोले गए हैं।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र का रख-रखाव राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों द्वारा किया जाता है। कम मात्रा में दवाइयों का उपलब्ध होना, लम्बे समय तक प्रतीक्षा, दूरी इत्यादि इन केन्द्रों की सेवाओं के कम इस्तेमाल होने के कुछ कारण हैं।

(घ) केन्द्र सरकार प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों में सेवाओं की गुणवत्ता में सुधार लाने के लिए राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को समय-समय पर दिशा-निर्देश जारी करती है।

Dangers Associated with Contact Lenses

2779. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that contact lenses can cause blindness if adequate care is not taken by the users according to ophthalmologists recently; and

(b) if, so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Severe infection caused by Unhygienic use of contact lenses can lead to blindness. Uers are advised about the need for proper care at the time of fitting the lenses and observance of precautions while using contact lenses.

Cases of AIDS in Gujarat

2780. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some symptoms of AIDS have been found in women in Gujarat and this diseases has teen spreading rapidly there;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any special measures to prevent the spread of this disease;

(d) what are the localities in Gujarat where the cases of AIDS have been found at present and what are the details in regard to the present position of each patient;

(e) whether Government have formulated any special plan in this regard; and

(f) if so, what are the full details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Comprehensive national programme for the prevention and control of AIDS is currently under implementation throughout the country including Gujarat. The strategies consist of generation of awreners among risk-behaviour groups and other people, control of STD, blood-safety and rational use of blood and better facilities for surveillance, diagnosis and management of HIV/ AIDS cases.

(d) Of the 4 AIDS cases 3 male and one female reported from Gujarat so far, one each belonged to the Districts of Bharuch, Junagarh, Rajkot and Mehsana. All these four persons have since expired

(e) and (f) Do not arise in view of the reply in part (c).

Maharashtra into the Grip of Cholera

2781. SHRI H. HANUMAN-THAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra come into the grip of cholera recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The following measures are undertaken by the State Government to prevent any possible outbreak of Cholera:—

1. Surveillance and monitoring;
2. Supply of safe drinking water;
3. Strengthening of Health Education measures;
4. Supply of essential medicines and disinfectants.

Dialogues with WHO to Finance Tobacco Growers

2782. SHRI MENTAY PADMA-NABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government. have initiated any dialogue with the World Health Organisation to finance and off-set potential losses that will affect farmers by the implementation of restructure and tobacco prohibited laws; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Indemnity Scheme of Indian Medical Association

2783. SHRI V. NARAYANA SAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it . has come to the notice of Government that the Indian Medical Association has recently worked out a professional indemnity scheme to help doctors in case they are sued for negligence;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto';

(c) what is the total membership of the Indian Medical Association; and

(d) how much amount does it intend to take from each member for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ^.